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LAST EDITION FEW DAYS TO LIVE.

Judge Brown, of the United States
Court, Denies Habeas Corpus
to Murderer Wood.

Attempt to Take the Case to the
Supreme Bench at Washington.

Sing Sing Prison Now Closed to Vis-
itors Until After the Fatal Day.

R. J. Haire, counsel for Joseph Wood, the
negro who is condemned to be executed by
electricity at Sing Sing next week, ap-
plied this morning to Judge Brown, of the
United States Circuit Court for a writ of
habeas corpus on the ground of the exclusion
of colored men from the grand and petit juries
that indicted and convicted him.

Judge Brown promptly denied the applica-
tion.

An appeal to the United States Supreme
Court was at once taken, and Lawyer Haire
set out to seek a stay of execution.

District-Attorney John R. Feltows has re-
ceived Warden Brush's invitation to attend the
electrocution.

(SPECIAL TO THE SUNDAY WORLD.)

SING SING, Nov. 29.—Murderer Joseph Wood,
who is to die in the electric chair next week,
awoke with a smile on his face this morning.
He smiled, he said, because he was happy.
His conscience was apparently as clear and as
placid as his smile, according to the best ob-
servable reports. He said he had very pleasant
dreams; his peace with God had been made.
He was ready to die, and his mind was made
up to die bravely.

Wood has no faith that the efforts of his
lawyers to save him will be successful. All
hope, he thinks, is lost, but not so his
appetite.

He was out of bed at 6 o'clock, spent half an
hour on his knees in prayer and devotion and
read a chapter or two from his testament. Then he
was ready for breakfast.

He is a man who has always been used to
plain fare, and his culinary tastes are easily
satisfied.

A porterhouse steak is a feast for him and
when he has ordered that with eggs, "fried on
both sides," the list of his delicacies is ex-
hausted.

He can have anything from the hospital
kitchen that his palate craves for, but, as he
never calls for fancy dishes, simply because he
does not know their names, the cook always
sends a few dainties on his own responsibility.

The religious and domestic character of his
murder disposes of these shows that he approves
of the cook and his judgment.

This morning, for instance, Wood ordered
his favorite dish, "breakfast and onions, with
coffee," to which the cook added nice hot
muffins and some delicious preserves.

The meal finished, Wood then turned his
head to read from one of his holy books
and fell asleep.

The daily routine of his prison life may be
divided into three parts—eating, sleeping and
praying. He talks very little, and never of
his approaching end; quiet and well-behaved,
his keepers speak of him as an exemplary
prisoner.

All are sorry for him. These men are his
friends because he has no other friends. No
one except his lawyer and his spiritual ad-
viser care for him; no one else claims for him,
nor cares when he comes or when he goes.

The change in Wood's demeanour which was
observed this morning, has come since yester-
day.

He was very much depressed yesterday after-
noon, and, Thanksgiving Day, when he sent
for Principal Keeper Connaughton and made a
request that Rev. Father Creden accompany
him on his walk to the death chair, he plainly
showed that the strain of the day before had
been great.

Father Creden, who had been absent for two
days, returned yesterday and spent the greater
part of the day with Wood.

The good father's visit had a wonderful
effect on the condemned man. Wood's reli-
gious ecstasy increased to such an extent
that he said he was ready to die and wished
that it was all over.

He begged that his execution be not delayed
when the legal period for the killing arrives.

It is now thought that the Warden will com-
ply with his request, and that the execution
will occur early Tuesday or Wednesday morn-
ing.

There are several good reasons for believing
that the execution will not be longer delayed,
although Warden Brush positively declares
that the time has not been fixed.

People in this village and Tarrytown are
taking a great interest in the coming execu-
tion.

Both Wood and Ruffin, the man he killed
well known here. Both lived in Tarry-
town and in this village at one time.

It is thought that part of the witnesses had
been selected from among Warden Brush's
friends in the neighborhood.

It is said that ex-Senator Nelson, of Sing
Sing, has been invited, but he will neither
affirm nor deny the statement. He is one of
Warden Brush's intimate friends.

The disagreeable duty which Warden Brush
has to perform is not to like him, but he is a
conscientious officer and his task will be done
as well as it is possible for a man of a high
order of ability to do it.

He has his own views about the sickly sen-
timentality which is usually thrown about him
condemned to die for playing their fellow-
man.

"A man must bear the punishment equal to
the offense committed," he says. "Society
cannot afford to plead for the removal of these
just penalties which man, following God's
sentence, has always attached to the com-
mission of crime."

The social well-being of man cannot be
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